

1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 20

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4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF
5 MONTANA ENCOURAGING HIGH SCHOOLS TO OFFER INSTRUCTION IN CONSUMER EDUCATION AND
6 RELATIONSHIP SKILL-BASED MARRIAGE AND INTERPERSONAL AND WORKPLACE EDUCATION AND
7 MEDIATION.

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9 WHEREAS, the breakup of marriages and the increase in cohabitation continue to be ongoing in
10 Montana; and

11 WHEREAS, half of all recent marriages involve at least one spouse who has previously been married;
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13 WHEREAS, there are different types of families in Montana today, such as the traditional two-parent
14 family, single-parent families, blended families, and grandparents raising grandchildren; and

15 WHEREAS, poor personal financial management contributes to problems in marriages and interpersonal
16 and workplace relationships; and

17 WHEREAS, the number one disruptive factor in the workplace is problems in the marriage relationship;
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19 WHEREAS, although parents are the first and primary teachers of their children, schools may also
20 determine that they have a responsibility to help prepare students for the responsibilities of marriage, family, and
21 interpersonal and workplace relationships; and

22 WHEREAS, establishing positive marital, interpersonal, and workplace relationships is a vital component
23 in maximizing an individual's opportunities for success in marriage and at work.

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25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
26 THE STATE OF MONTANA:

27 That the Legislature encourage the Office of Public Instruction, local boards of trustees, and local high
28 schools to develop a course or curriculum for an existing course that includes instruction in consumer education
29 and relationship skill-based marriage and interpersonal and workplace education and mediation, in order to
30 better prepare students for the responsibilities of marriage, family, parenting, and work.

